

1972 Buckeye Conference

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Little Giants 1972 Buckeye Golf Champs



ROSS GOLF COACH Charlie Baker (center) and squad members display the championship plaque for the Buckeye Conference after winning the league crown at Forest Hills Country Club in Elyria Monday. The proud head coach is

flanked by Jim Decker (left), Rob Hall (second from left), Bob Moll (right) and Buck Baumann. Moll was medalist for the day with a 71. (News-Messenger Photo)

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Pieces Falling Into Place In SLL

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Pieces are falling into place.

The Suburban League, which was only a dream for eight schools 18 months ago is quickly taking shape and will be in full operation next September.

In fact, the league could get under way today.

"We're ready to go," says Frank Toth of Perrysburg, who will be commissioner for the newest league in Northwest Ohio. "We've had the by-laws, sites and officials assigned for the next two years in football and baseball and have also drawn up schedules for the other sports."

The new league is a mixture of schools from the Sandusky Bay Conference, Northern Lakes League and Lakeshore Conference.

Teams out of the Sandusky Bay are Gibsonburg, Oak Harbor and Lakota. NLL representatives are Elwood, Eastwood and Genoa while Woodmore and Otsego are leaving the Lakeshore.

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But there have not been any problems because the teams are coming from various leagues. In fact, it has probably helped to have a new organization.

"We've tried to incorporate the good parts of each league into our constitution," Toth says. "All of our meetings have been very amicable and everyone is working for the best, league possible, but we want to make our league unique."

"Most of our votes on important issues have been unanimous and I think that speaks a lot for the people who are involved in the league."

Officials of the schools get along so well that Toth, a veteran football official in the Mid-American Conference, made it a point to congratulate all involved during a meeting of the league executive board in Bowling Green last week.

"Everyone involved in the league is doing well and I felt they should be congratulated for the work they do," Toth said. "They all mix well and are free with their ideas."

Toth's message of congratulations came after a league meeting a week earlier involving the head coaches from all the sports.



Moll Wins Medalist Honors

ELYRIA — Neither wind, rain or hail could prevent Ross from pocketing the Buckeye Conference golf championship at Forest Hills Country Club Monday.

The Little Giants, who had never won a title under head coach Charlie Baker, probably had a tougher time trying to adjust to the poor weather conditions than holding back the other seven conference schools in notching an impressive seven-stroke victory.

The year-old quartet — there were no seniors in the lineup — finished with a 506, which is believed to be the lowest total ever recorded in the tourney. Marion Harding was the surprising second place finisher.

Elyria (324), the host school, was third with Sandusky (327), Lorain (328), Lorain Senior (338), Lorain Admiral (341) and Mansfield Senior (346) coming in.

In addition to taking team honors Ross also left with the medalist trophy. Junior Bob Moll had the day's low round — 72 — over the tight 6,455-yard par 72 layout.

"Winning this one means more to me than taking the sectional championship this year," a beaming Baker declared. "This is the one I've been waiting for and wanted most. The kids did a tremendous job."

Besides the sparkling 73 by Moll, Ross had 75 from junior Jim Decker and sophomore Buck Baumann and an 83 from sophomore Rob Hall.

Mike Decker and Baumann posted the three lowest scores of the day. There were two 76s — Jim Owens of Marion and Bob Mayah of Elyria.

"I'm just glad the kids weren't as nervous as I was," Baker said. "When we had the lead and the storm hit I didn't know what was going to happen. We had a six-stroke lead at the turn but we had to wait for the rain to stop. It was a tough time while Baumann and Hall sliced their scores."

Moll had two over par (80) on the final nine holes while Decker skied to a 40. Baumann closed with a 37 while Hall was carding a 41.

"I'm not displeased with those back nine scores at all," Baker said. "I'm sure the weather probably added two strokes to a hole to the score of everyone on the course."

The tourney, which was the lowest ever for 18 holes shot by Ross this spring. Previous low for the Little Giants was a 307 in a 10½-2½ dual meet victory over Findlay at Findlay Country Club last month.

Harding had its best day. The lowest total score previously turned in by the Pixies was 510.

Moore, 15, who is the only one turned in by a Little Giant golfer this season, included 11 pars, four bogeys and birdies on six, seven and 12. He hit 13 greens in regulation and didn't have a three-putt green.

Baumann got off to a shaky start with bogeys on the first and second holes. But he finished the first nine with seven consecutive pars. Overall, he had 13 pars, four bogeys and a birdie at 16. His only trouble spot was putting — three putt greens.

Decker carded 11 pars and five bogeys with birdies at the second and 16th holes. He hit 10 greens in regulation and a birdie at 18. His only trouble spot was putting — three putt greens.

"I'd much rather be riding in the front of the bus than the back," Baker said.

And, despite the fact that golf is supposed to be a minor sport in the Ross athletic program, Decker, Moll, Baumann and Hall weren't without a cheering section yesterday. All of their parents and coaches were in the stands in attendance when the championship trophy was presented to Baker.

"I really do appreciate the fact that they took the time to come and watch us," Baker said. "This is the first year since I've been coaching that we've had anyone come out to see us."

"I'm sure it means a lot to the kids."

ROSS

Bob Moll, 55-30 — 71; Jim Decker, 56-30 — 75; Buck Baumann, 58-37 — 73; Rob Hall, 43-41 — 83

MARION

Jim Owens, 57-39 — 76; Dave Wright, 49-38 — 76; Dan Cookle, 38-41 — 70; Jim Cookle, 68-40 — 86

ELYRIA

Bob Mayah, 57-38 — 76; Craig Wilting, 40-37 — 77; Craig Chapman, 43-41 — 85; Scott Hardaway, 41-40 — 81

SANDUSKY

Jeff Mancilla, 39-41 — 80; Jim Kirner, 60-45 — 82; Scott Dohrmann, 42-40 — 82; Bill Bremmer, 40-41 — 81

FINLAY

Craig Vanflik, 39-40 — 79; Tom Cullen, 40-39 — 79; John Delaney, 42-41 — 83; Pat Jagla, 42-47 — 89

LORAIN

Mike May, 44-40 — 84; Gary Alpert, 38-39 — 77; Bob Kral, 41-44 — 85; Bob Migris, 52-48 — 90

ADMIRAL KING

Gary Jarver, 40-40 — 80; Jeff Hiltz, 42-43 — 85; Marc Krupp, 42-41 — 88; Bob Minak, 45-49 — 90

MANSFIELD

Tim Hager, 40-43 — 83; Charlie Higgleman, 46-37 — 81; Doug Cattell, 47-44 — 85; Rick Gee, 56-51 — 107

At Fremont C.C.

News-Messenger Tourney Begins

Defending champion Jim ball full handicap tournament May 7. Entries will be accepted until May 5.

Normal News-Messenger Golf. The waiters with their scores and handicaps.

Upper Bracket

Jim Domenick, 54-46, 10½-2½ champion; vs. Tom Powers (93-11); John Ralard (88-10); Jim Baumann (88-10); Jim Cookle (88-10); Mike Decker (88-10); Buck Baumann (88-10);

Pollak (88-10) vs. Joe Bigalas (97-17); Kerri Hiltz (95-11) vs. Dick Riedesauer (105-11); Mike May (95-11) vs. Jim Johnson (105-11); Gary Alpert (95-11) vs. Doug Johnson (105-11); Herb Manly (98-11) vs. Alex Hyatt (98-11); Jack White (92-10) vs. Tom Baugh (105-21).